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Announcements from WI DPI School Nutrition Team (SNT):

Paid Lunch Equity: Memo, Tool, and Exemptions

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Paid Lunch Equity

We are aware that many of you may be getting excited to see the Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) tool for school year (SY) 2017-18. However, we have recently been informed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) that the PLE tool for SY 2017-18 is currently being modified. We are hoping that the revised version will be available soon. Keep in mind that now is the time to start talking with your school boards and administrators about the PLE requirement if you need their approval to raise lunch prices. For SY 2017-18, SFAs that on a weighted average, charged less than \$2.86 for paid lunches in SY 2016-17 are required to adjust their weighted average lunch price.

PLE exemptions are offered for next SY if your SFA can demonstrate that it is in strong financial standing.

As soon as the USDA PLE tool is available, we will post it to our website along with instructions for completing the tool. We will notify you via this distribution list and provide the SNT's memo.

NEW! Afterschool Snacks Webcast

The SNT is pleased to announce that a new <u>Afterschool Snacks Webcast</u> has been added to the SNT training page resources. The <u>webcast</u> includes information on the meal pattern, eligibility, counting and claiming, and other regulatory requirements for participation in the USDA Afterschool Snacks Program. The 15 minute webcast counts toward <u>USDA Professional Standards</u>, Administration, code 3320 and the <u>GOALS Certificate of Excellence</u> for directors and managers, Administration, Other Programs Management.

#WisSBW, March 6-10, 2017

As National School Breakfast Week quickly approaches, this is a reminder to post pictures of the great things you are doing and use the hashtag #WisSBW. Not only do you get to show off what you are doing, but it will connect you with other schools and districts in Wisconsin so you can see what others are doing as well.

This is a communication from the WI Department of Public Instruction, School Nutrition Team. You can contact the School Nutrition Team at dpifns@dpi.wi.gov.

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